

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-2206**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**

~~1702 Old Eastern Avenue~~ 1704 Old Eastern Avenue

**Essex, Baltimore County**

**Circa 1920**

**Private**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church is located in Essex in the Fifteenth District of Baltimore County. Beginning as a suburban retreat for Baltimore City residents, Essex was platted in 1909 by the Taylor Land Company. Ten blocks long and two blocks wide, Essex was centered between Mace and Marlyn Avenues. Each of the lots measured fifty feet by one hundred forty-five feet. In 1915, when the Eastern Rolling Mill located a plant at the head of the Back River, the community grew dramatically. The excellent economy from the mill attracted many families to the area, thus filling up the lots and expanding the community of Essex. A few of the suburb's amenities and services included a fire station built in 1915 and an elementary school opened in 1925. By 1931, approximately 22,800 people resided in the Essex-Middle River area.(1) The Church was constructed circa 1920.

Constructed circa 1920, the Mount Carmel Church is sited on a level lot surrounded by trees, shrubs, foundation plantings, and landscaping. A paved driveway leads to the rear of the complex that has a paved parking lot. Lining the front of the property is an iron fence. This Mission-style church stands one story high and three bays wide. It is wood frame clad with stucco and features a gable roof with a parapet on the façade. The center vestibule contains a replacement double-leaf door. The door is plate glass and is topped with a compass-head aluminum-panel transom. The façade is pierced by two multi-light wood sash windows. The side elevations are pierced with stained glass 2/2 windows. A bell tower is located on the corner of the façade. It is capped with a multi-sided dome clad with standing-seam metal. Other features of the church include a statue just below the center of the parapet, a rounded rowlock water table, overhanging eaves, exposed roof rafters. A one-story shed roof addition is located on the rear elevation. Adjacent to the church is a circa 1930 Rectory. It is stucco clad with a cross-hipped roof sheathed with slate tiles. It is pierced with 8/8, 4/1, and 6/1 wood-sash windows. The vestibule is clad with terra cotta tiles and contains a single-leaf aluminum door. Rising above the roof is one interior-side brick chimney. Other features of the Rectory include a soldier course water table, piano nobile, a rowlock beltcourse, and rowlock sills.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2206

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

other

### 2. Location

street and number ~~1702 Old Eastern Avenue~~ 1704 Old Eastern Avenue not for publication

city, town Essex vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Our Lady of Mount Carmel catholic Church

street and number ~~1702 Old Eastern Avenue~~ 1704 Old Eastern Avenue telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21221-2203

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 90, 560

city, town Towson liber 1101 folio 301

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- ☐ Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<input type="checkbox"/> 1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1920 ca.

Architect/Builder Not Known

Construction dates 1920 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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### ENDNOTES

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 0.98 acres

Acreage of historical setting 0.98 acres

Quadrangle name Middle River

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church is located at 1702 Old Eastern Avenue in Essex in the Fifteenth District in Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 90, parcel 560 since its construction.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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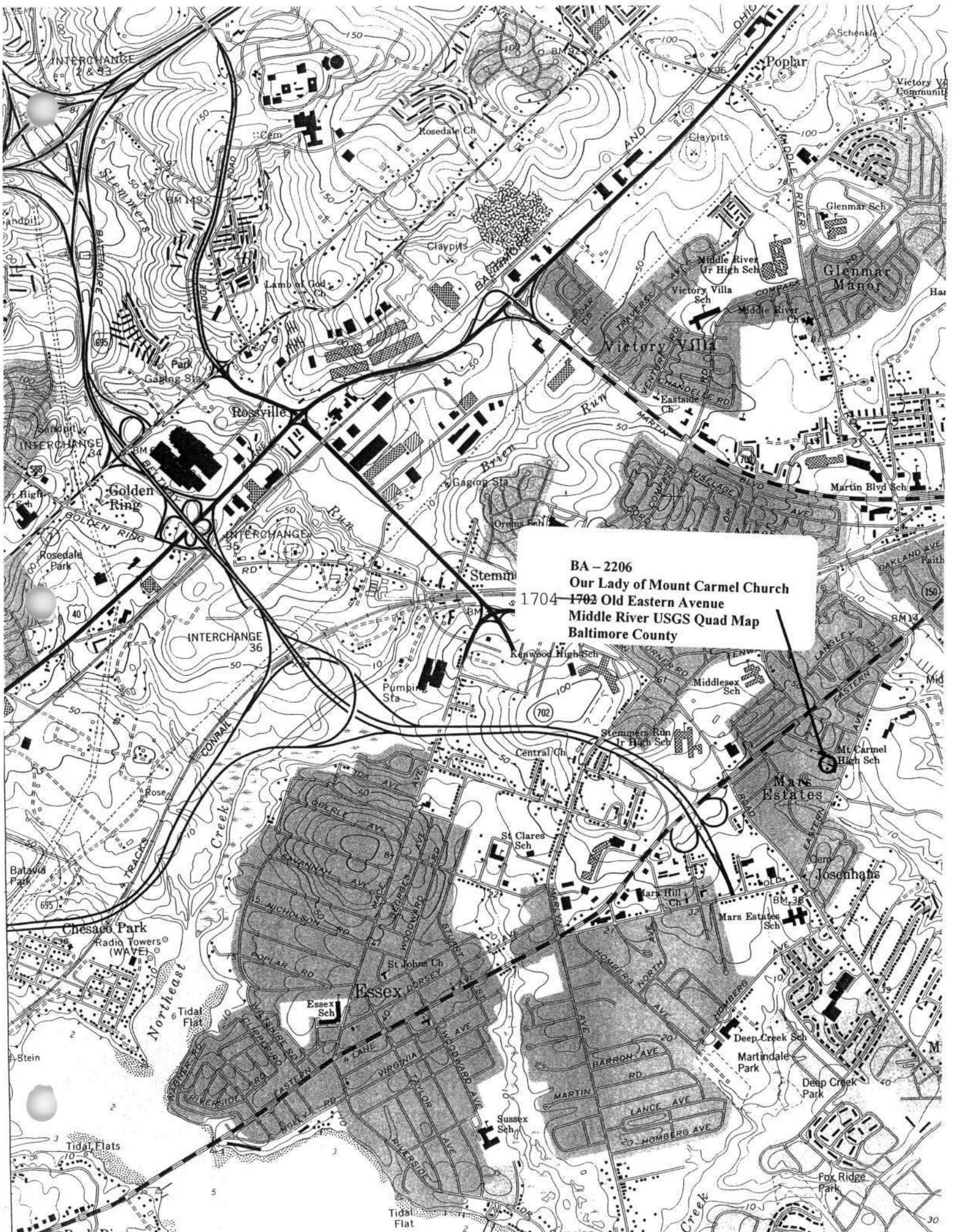
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BA - 2206  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church  
1704 1702 Old Eastern Avenue  
Middle River USGS Quad Map  
Baltimore County





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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

1704 OLD EASTERN AVENUE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

9/2002

MD SHPO

CHURCH, SOUTH EAST ELEVATION

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

1704 OLD EASTERN AVENUE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

9/2002

MD SHPO

CHURCH, NORTH CORNER

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BA-2206

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

1704 OLD EASTERN AVENUE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

9/2002

MD SHPO

CHURCH, WEST CORNER

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

1704 OLD EASTERN AVENUE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

9/2002

MD SHPO

RECTORY, NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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BA-2206

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH - 1920 - 1704 Old Eastern Avenue. Spanish style or California Mission style church, with a balanced complex of rectory, convent, and school buildings set around a compound. Church spire is on east end. All buildings are covered with stucco painted a cream or caramel color. Rectory and convent have red terra cotta

roofs. School is described as a "Romanesque Type." The upper or main church was not completed until 1937. Cornerstone reads, "Oct. 3, 1920/1937."